



What is the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS project?

The I-70 Mountain Corridor is unique in the world. The I-70 Mountain Corridor is the gateway to the Colorado Rockies, one hundred forty-four miles of mountains and valleys, towns and scenic views, places to stop and linger, destinations and activities, places to live, history to experience, a world of snow, rivers, flowers, stars, wildlife and people.

If you ski, hike, camp, fish, hunt, gamble, mountain bike, love history, or just like clean air then the I-70 Mountain Corridor is a place you want to visit.

Sounds like travel advertising, but these are introductions we use for the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS project. Over the years, the project team has worked with 7 counties, 27 towns, 2 National Forests, 1 ski corporation, 6 ski resorts, and thousands of residents, business owners, truckers, commuters, and the miscellaneous lost traveler to develop the ground rules for building the planned improvements.

The Colorado Department of Transportation supported the corridor citizens and agencies and adopted the *I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS Process and Guidance* for use on all projects moving forward through the Programmatic EIS which was signed in 2011.

The CSS Process and Guidance details process steps as well as the citizens and agencies who must be invited to participate in the development, design and construction of projects. The CSS Guidance Manual provides the context statement, process steps, stakeholder lists, the History Context Report, the guidelines for engineering designs, aesthetic treatments, impact mitigation, and construction procedures. This has become the how-to-get-it-done-right on I-70 manual and will be used for all future NEPA documents, all design projects, and all future construction.

Using the CSS process and guidelines, the corridor is under construction. Projects range from a design for improving the chain stations along the corridor (where trucks and cars put-on and take-off chains during blizzards), the widening of 2 of the tunnels on the corridor, and the planning, through a NEPA document, for the temporary use of the shoulders for a peak hour lane.

This corridor has it all and our goal is to have the I-70 Mountain Corridor become the nation's standard for collaboration, partnerships, transportation innovation, and environmental sustainability.

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To view the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS Process and Guidelines please visit

<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/contextsensitivesolutions>

The Recommended Alternative for the I-70 Mountain Corridor is a multi-modal investment in high speed rail, limited highway widening and aggressive implementation of travel demand management strategies. The Recommended Alternative will cost between \$10 and \$20 Billion and will take the next 30 to 50 years to construct.

